

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL POLICY ON HERBAL MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have finalized a national policy to bring herbal and other medicines under one umbrella to maintain safety standards;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the CSIR is also being involved in this plan;
- (d) if so, the details in this regard;
- (e) whether there is any proposal to assist producers to enhance exports of drugs;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the details of plans by the government to encourage exports of pharmaceuticals from the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) and (b): A National Policy on Indian Systems of Medicine & Homoeopathy has been prepared by the Government. The Drugs of Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy are already regulated by the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and rules thereunder. Preparation of Formulary and laying pharmacopoeial standards are on-going work.

(c) and (d): Laboratories of CSIR have been involved in evolving pharmacopoeial standards. Collaborative project has also been taken as plant research.

(e), (f) and (g): A Medicinal Plants Board has been set up to co-ordinate activities relating to conservation, cultivation, marketing etc. This will help to augment availability of raw drugs for manufacture of export products. Market surveys overseas have been funded. Laboratory facilities are being augmented. Good Manufacturing Practices have been notified. Labeling provisions have been amended to suit the requirements of importing country.